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Westgate Fire Due to Broken Steam Coil

By Kevin Der
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A basement electrical fire forced residents of the Westgate apartments to evacuate the building around 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Westgate President Georgia Bettin G said that nobody was injured.

Water leakage in the high-voltage room shorted out a transformer, filling the basement with smoke and causing the building to lose power, said Stephen Lemieux, a generator mechanic at the MIT Department of Facilities. The leakage came from a broken steam coil, according to the MIT Information and Services Technology Web site 3DOWN (<http://is3down.mit.edu/>), which documents the status of some services at MIT.

Emergency power was not restored in the building until around 9 p.m. Sunday, said Lemieux. A small natural gas generator was used to provide emergency lighting and functionality for the fire alarm systems, he said. Heat and hot water, powered by a steam boiler at the MIT power plant, were also available. Westgate residents could not return until after 10:30 p.m.

After evacuating, the residents initially waited inside the lobby of the adjacent Tang dormitory, the designated evacuation area, "without wallets, in pajamas, carrying babies," Bettin said. When the lobby overflowed, Bettin and other members of Westgate government organized



OMARI STEPHENS—THE TECH

Two firefighters exchange used oxygen canisters for fresh ones around 4:30 PM on Sunday, Feb. 19. An electrical fire in the basement of Westgate Apartments (Building W85) caused the building to be evacuated for about 12 hours; residents were allowed to return around 10 p.m.

a move to a lounge on the twenty-fourth floor of Tang.

Bettin said firefighters told her that they had difficulty extinguishing the fire because a possible live current in the high-voltage room prevented the use of water, and thick

smoke also contributed to the trouble. Gray smoke could be seen rising from a grate near the building's entrance until at least 4 p.m., she said.

A Cambridge deputy fire chief on duty Monday afternoon declined to comment about the fire.

Westgate operated on emergency power through Monday afternoon, when the Department of Facilities switched the building power over to a larger, portable generator in order to

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ILG's Complete Their IAP Rush

By Gabriel Fouasnon

All five of MIT's Independent Living Groups have finished the Independent Activities Period rush, with mixed reactions among rush chairs about the recruitment period.

The five ILG's are Epsilon Theta, Fenway House, pika, Student House, and the Women's Independent Living Group. Each house was free to pick its own dates and duration for rush. For example, WILG rushed for almost two weeks (Feb. 6-19), whereas pika rushed for four days (from Jan. 26-29).

Ken T. Takusagawa G, the rush chair for Fenway House, said that two of their bids were accepted. pika Rush Chair Margaret E. Aven-er '07 said they came up empty, and Rush Chair Jennifer H. Ole-jarczyk '06, said that two pledges joined Student House over IAP. As of last week, Kristina N. Chidozie '08, rush chair of WILG, had re-

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MITSO Conductor Anzolini to Leave, Tenure No Longer Offered for Position

By Daniela Cako
STAFF REPORTER

This June, Associate Professor Dante Anzolini, music director of the MIT Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, will leave MIT after having served the eight-year maximum a professor has as a non-tenured faculty member. For the next MITSO director, the position will no longer be tenure-track, but instead a regular, full-time position.

When asked why Anzolini was not given tenure, head of the music and theater arts department Ziporyn said that he could not comment without compromising confidentiality. He did comment that "Dante is

an amazing musician and thinker."

Reflecting upon his time conducting MITSO, Anzolini said that "the most beautiful thing and source of joy was having the amazing relationships with the students."

Commenting on the decision to make the position not tenure-track, Ziporyn said, "this way, the three major musical conductors of MITSO, Wind Ensemble, and the Concert Choir will all be equal and can work together more."

Once the new Director of MITSO is found, he or she will be in charge of both MITSO and the Chamber Orchestra, which was founded in 1999 under Anzolini.

Anzolini said that after leaving MIT, he will focus on getting his work recognized in Europe and South America, mainly in Argentina and Brazil.

While at MIT, he has conducted numerous concerts, having MITSO tackle 20th century pieces like Mahler's Sixth Symphony and what he termed "phenomenal pieces," such as the 4th Symphony of Charles Ives.

Anzolini said he likes to push young composers to create new music. Even after students have graduated, they still stop by his office

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Jet Stream Plays Role in Warm Weather

By Brian Keegan
STAFF REPORTER

Who turned the weather machine on? Freshmen, don't get used to walking around MIT in shorts during the winter. According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, January 2006 was the 5th warmest on record, averaging 32.9°F, 7.7°F warmer than the average for the past 112 years.

Nationally, January charted the highest average temperature ever recorded by the NOAA, 8.5°F above the historical average of 39°F. The NOAA's National Climatic Data cen-

ter calculated that 74.2 percent of the contiguous US, the lower 48 states, was "very warm."

Senior Lecturer Lodovica C. Illari and Jonathan R. Moskaitis G of the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, explained some ideas as to why Boston has experienced 35 days of above average temperatures so far this year.

The jet stream, the invisible hand that makes our cross-country flight up to an hour longer in one direction, is a west to east air current that forms approximately 40,000 feet (7.5 miles) above ground at the boundary be-

tween air masses with different temperatures, like warm tropical air and cold arctic air, Illari said.

Moskaitis said that the jet stream operates in essentially two modes: zonal and blocked. In a zonal flow, the jet stream flows uninterrupted around a relatively constant latitude. Alternatively, this flow can be blocked by meridional flows that run in the north-south direction, he said.

Zonal flow is marked by moderate weather, while the disruptions caused by a block tend to create more ex-

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FRED GAY—THE TECH

Portraying a sexually inexperienced Englishwoman, Katrine Sivertsen '08 attempts to examine her vagina using a mirror during a performance of "The Vagina Monologues" in 10-250. The play ran from Feb. 16 through Feb. 18 as part of the V-Day worldwide movement to end violence against women.



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WORLD & NATION

Police Raid in Italy Shakes Up Olympics

By Lynn Zinser and Ian Fisher

THE NEW YORK TIMES

TURIN, ITALY

After their raid on Olympic athletes suspected of doping, the Italian police said Sunday that they were testing items seized from the rooms of Austrian Nordic skiers, including syringes, glucose drips and what were described as unprescribed medicine.

The raid was the boldest and most coordinated attack against athletes suspected of cheating at an Olympics and represented the first time that doping control officers had been accompanied by the police. On Sunday night, Austrian Olympic officials said they had fired the coach at the center of the controversy, Walter Mayer, after he crashed his car into a police barrier in southern Austria and was detained.

Police officers in Paternion, Austria, a town about 15 miles from the Italian border, said they had approached a parked car Sunday night after residents said a man was asleep in it. The man, whom they later identified as Mayer, woke up and drove off. The police said they blocked the road with two unoccupied cars. Mayer crashed and refused to take an alcohol breath test. The police said Mayer was slightly injured.

Iraqi Insurgent Attacks Kill 20, Including a U.S. Marine

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

At least 20 people were killed in insurgent attacks Monday, including a Marine, as Iraq's political factions remained at odds, and the American ambassador renewed warnings against the formation of a government based on militias and sectarian movements.

Talks on forming a unity government had stalled over the weekend as deep divisions between different factions had become apparent.

Also Friday, the governor of the province of Karbala in the Shiite south announced that he was suspending all dealings with American troops and barring them from government buildings for "behaving irresponsibly."

Two suicide bombs accounted for most of the deaths Monday. At about 7:20 a.m., a man blew himself up in a restaurant near a police station in the northern city of Mosul, killing six people and injuring at least six, according to officials from the Iraqi Interior Ministry. At midday, another bomber set off an explosion on a bus in Baghdad, killing 12 people and wounding 15, the officials said.

The Marine was killed when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb near the southern city of Karbala, the American military said in a statement.

Gunmen killed an employee of a hospital in Baquba in the country's south, and a car bomb near a construction site in Baghdad injured more than 20 workers, Iraqi officials said.

States Curbing Right to Seize Private Homes

By John M. Broder

THE NEW YORK TIMES

In a rare display of unanimity that cuts across partisan and geographic lines, lawmakers in virtually every statehouse across the country are advancing bills and constitutional amendments to limit use of the government's power of eminent domain to seize private property for economic development purposes.

The measures are in direct response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision last June in a landmark property rights case from Connecticut, upholding the authority of the city of New London to condemn homes in an aging neighborhood to make way for a private development of offices, condominiums and a hotel. It was a decision that one justice, who had written for the majority, later all but apologized for.

The reaction from the states was swift and heated. Within weeks of the court's decision, Texas, Alabama and Delaware passed bills by overwhelming bipartisan margins limiting the right of local governments to seize property and turn it over to private developers.

Philippines Did Not Enforce Alerts of Deadly Landslides

By Carlos H. Conde

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GUINSAUGON, PHILIPPINES

According to official records, the government of the Philippines knew as early as last May that this village in the eastern part of the country, where more than 1,000 people may have died in a landslide Friday, was in grave danger.

Policies were even in place to avert a pending disaster: Area villages were evacuated late last year and a logging ban, to address the deforestation at the root of the problem, had been adopted more than a decade ago.

But reality was another matter. According to government officials and environmental groups, problems ranging from government corruption and ineffective laws to a lack of money and the political will to enforce the laws contributed to the collapse of the mountainside here in the first place, and allowed it to become a large-scale human tragedy in the second.

"This is a failure of the implementation of laws and a failure of policy," said Von Hernandez, the campaign director for Southeast

Asia of the environmental group Greenpeace, which had warned the government last month that its current policies were bound for trouble.

On Tuesday, rescue workers continued to dig through the muck in an increasingly hopeless search for survivors. Hopes had been raised Monday afternoon when electronic sensors detected tapping sounds believed to be signs of life. But diggers found nothing but bodies and by midnight, the tapping had vanished.

By Tuesday morning, the official body count had increased to 84, with close to 1,000 victims still believed to be beneath the mud.

Even as the rescue work continued, political leaders were already issuing recriminations and demanding reform, noting that hundreds of thousands of Filipinos still living in more than 1,000 government-identified danger zones remained at risk.

The government had determined last May that St. Bernard, the township to which this village belongs, was such a danger zone, prone to natural disaster, and placed it on a geological hazard map. Fracturing

volcanic rocks and weathering made the area "unstable and susceptible to mass movement," the environment department said in a statement over the weekend.

Hundreds of residents were ordered to evacuate. But almost immediately, they began to trickle back. The problem, said Michael Defensor, a key adviser to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and, until a few weeks ago, the environment secretary, was that the displaced people had no access to their farms or businesses. "The residents would go back to their villages," he said.

Critics said the government should not have allowed residents to return. "If residents refuse to evacuate, that's where political will on the part of the government comes in," said Hernandez of Greenpeace.

But the government declined to act, said Crispin Beltran, a leftist member of Congress. "Why was there a severe lack of massive reforestation program and disaster response system?" he said. "Why was it that only a measly 0.1 percent of the national budget was allotted to calamity funds despite all the signs of impending tragedies?"

U.S. Warns Iraq About Political Factions With Sectarian Plans

By Sabrina Tavernise and Robert F. Worth

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

The U.S. ambassador to Iraq issued an unusually strong warning on Monday about the need for Iraq's political factions to come together, hinting for the first time that the United States would not be willing to support crucial public institutions plagued by sectarian agendas.

"The United States is investing billions of dollars" in Iraq's police and Army, said the ambassador, Zalmay Khalilzad. "We are not going to invest the resources of the American people to build forces run by people who are sectarian."

Khalilzad spoke at a news conference on a day of fresh violence across Iraq. It was the bloodiest day in almost two months.

He was addressing allegations

that Shiite death squads operate within the Interior Ministry. Such reports have grown in recent months, with accounts of hundreds of Sunni men being rounded up by men in police uniforms and found dead days or weeks later.

The deaths have infuriated the Sunni Arabs, whose radical fringe leads the insurgency here, and have sharpened their distrust of the Shiite-led government that swept into power last spring.

Bombing attacks on Monday, including one inside a crowded commuter bus in Baghdad and another in a restaurant in northern Iraq, left at least 26 dead and more than 60 wounded. One U.S. soldier was also killed.

Also on Monday, an Iraqi government official said the number of confirmed human deaths from the avian flu virus have been just two, fewer

than previously thought.

Iraqi political leaders are deep in negotiations over forming a government, more than two months after parliamentary elections.

U.S. officials have long argued that new Cabinet ministers should place the interests of their country over those of their sects. But by linking U.S. financing to a fair, nonpartisan army and police force, even if not intended as a direct threat, Khalilzad pressed the U.S. position more forcefully and publicly than before.

U.S. officials are working to draw Sunni Arabs into the new government in an effort to build a stable society and begin bringing U.S. troops home. Allaying Sunni concerns over overtly biased ministries is seen as an essential part of that effort.

Monday's attacks, however, raised fresh fears of renewed violence.

WEATHER

Is It Time For Spring Yet?

By Tim Whitcomb

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After a windstorm late last week that left most of the Eastern United States picking up branches, garbage cans, and small dogs, we have been experiencing a fairly calm spell of weather. Temperatures are climbing out of the icebox and the skies have been clear. Complacency is misleading, however — beautiful as the past few days have been, Murphy's Law and basic fluid dynamics state that they cannot last forever.

The upper-level flow has remained in a straight west-to-east swath across most of the US with jet stream velocities peaking over 100 m/s in some areas. This type of flow is very unstable to perturbations — as such, computer models show several short-wavelength disturbances propagating over us over the next few days, starting later this afternoon. This pattern will continue until late next weekend, where a trough of low pressure should deepen over us, bringing more unsettled weather.

Extended Forecast

Today: Sunny, clear, windy. High 39°F (4°C).

Tonight: Dark, clear, windy. Low 24°F (-4°C).

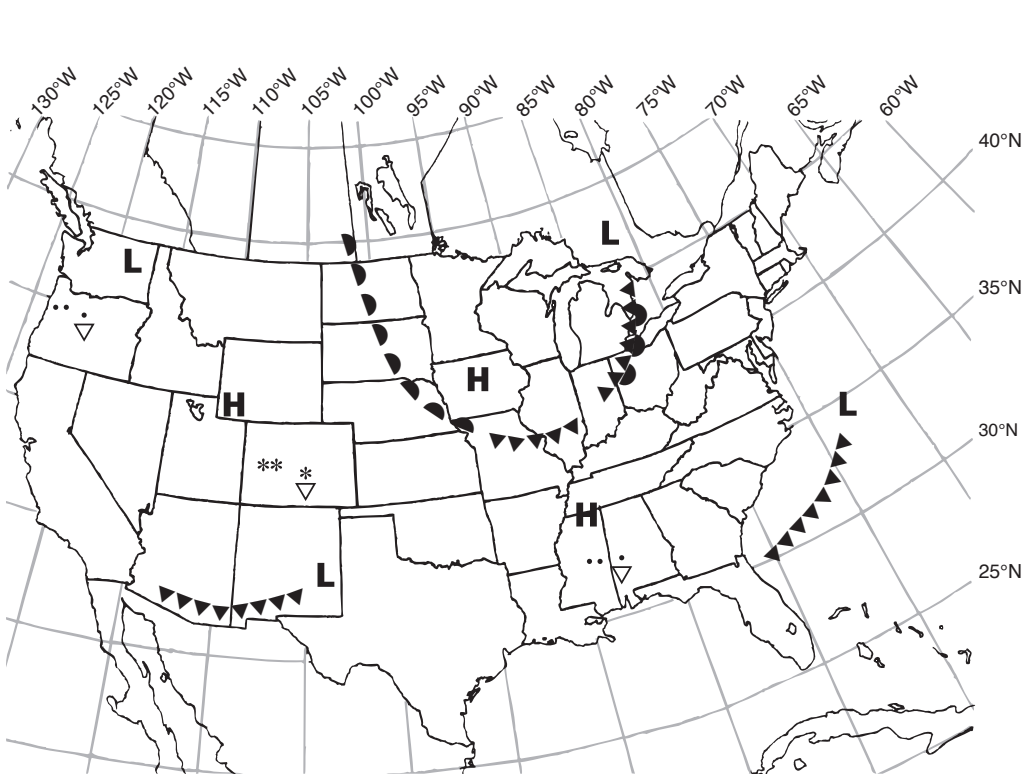
Tomorrow: Sunny becoming partly cloudy, calmer wind. High 38°F (3°C).

Tomorrow night: Scattered clouds becoming overcast, windier. Low 27°F (-3°C).

Thursday: Overcast becoming scattered clouds. High 42°F (6°C).

Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog ☁
L Low Pressure	— — — Warm Front	Rain ∇	Thunderstorm ⚡
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	Light *	Haze ☁
	▲▲▲ Stationary Front	Moderate **	
		Heavy ***	

Situation for Noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, February 21, 2006



Hopes For Survival of Trapped Mexican Miners Becomes Slim

By James C. Mckinley Jr.
THE NEW YORK TIMES

SAN JUAN DE LAS SABINAS, MEXICO

Hope of rescuing 65 coal miners trapped underground here began to fade Monday afternoon as mine officials reported that they had not yet been able to excavate the collapsed tunnels leading to the men.

The miners were sealed in a pitch black, airless hell at 2:30 a.m. Sunday when built-up methane gas exploded, causing the three main tunnels leading underground to collapse. By late afternoon Monday, rescuers had tunneled through about 400 yards of rubble but still had not broken through.

Gov. Humberto Moreira Valdes of Coahuila State, where the mine is situated, said the trapped men were believed to be in three groups about 150 yards below ground. The tunnels leading down to them, however, are sloped and are more than a mile and a half long.

“There’s blockage from the explosion that’s impeding passage into the mine,” the governor said Monday morning. “We don’t know how far we have to go to eliminate that blockage.”

The miners were equipped with six hours of oxygen in small tanks on their belts, and mine officials said they were pumping air into ventilation shafts, but it remained unclear whether any of that oxygen had reached the trapped men.

Hundreds of family members of the trapped men kept a desperate vigil outside the gate to the coal mine, known as Unidad Pasta de Conchos No. 8. “It’s hard, it’s exhausting,” said Juanita Sanchez, 43, whose brother-in-law Margarito Cruz, 40, was buried below. “As long as they don’t carry them out dead, we have to hope they are alive.”

Several family members said the miners, who earn about \$50 a week, had complained to them in recent weeks about excess methane gas, poor ventilation, crumbling walls and weak tunnel supports. “This is not as safe as the other mines,” said Jorge Alberto Martinez, a 24-year-old miner whose father, Julian, 42, was trapped in the mine. The son, who also worked in the mine until five months ago, said: “They use posts and beams here instead of steel arches. The ventilation is too little. When there is gas you can

feel your ears whine.”

State officials and the owners of the mine said it had passed an inspection earlier this month with 47 minor infractions, all of which, they contended, had been fixed.

Ruben Escudero, the manager of Industrial Minera Mexico, which owns the mine, said the levels of methane gas in the shafts were less than 1 percent at the time of the explosion. The mine’s machinery is designed to shut off automatically if the level exceeds that threshold, he said.

Escudero said: “Like all operations, it is subject to human risk and, of course, to mechanical breakdowns, which we go about fixing as they arise. Nothing is perfect.”

But many miners and miners’ wives said something had obviously gone horribly wrong with that system.

By 4:30 p.m., tempers were growing short in the crowd of family members. Then Sergio Robles Garza, the state director of civil protection, said the rescue workers had changed their tactics, trying to open an air shaft, which was the least badly collapsed of three tunnels leading into the mine.

Nigerian Oil Production Partially Shut Down By Attacks, Prices Rise

By Jad Mouawad
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Oil prices rose sharply Monday after a series of violent attacks by militants in the Niger Delta that shut down nearly a fifth of Nigeria’s oil production.

Brent crude oil for April delivery jumped \$1.57 a barrel, to \$61.46, on London’s ICE Futures exchange. Trading in the United States was closed because of Presidents Day.

Tensions in the oil-rich Niger Delta have flared since Saturday after armed militants kidnapped nine foreign oil workers, set pipelines on fire and disrupted a major export terminal in the latest series of clashes between local ethnic groups and the Nigerian central government.

As a result of these attacks, Nigeria’s oil production has been cut by 455,000 barrels a day out of a total of about 2.5 million barrels, according to Royal Dutch/Shell, the main foreign producer in Nigeria. A major oil field was shut down as a precautionary measure, Shell said.

The threat to oil supplies from Nigeria, Africa’s largest oil producer, comes at a time of heightened con-

cerns about the security of global supplies given the overall tightness in production and the rising demand for oil.

Because there is little spare capacity in a global oil system that consumes some 84 million barrels of oil a day, small incidents can have broad effects.

“The incidents in Nigeria are happening at a time when geopolitical events seem to be following each other at a near-continuous rhythm — the worsening of Iraq’s oil industry, the tensions with Iran, or the continuous war of words with Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez,” said Frederic Lasserre, the head of commodity research at Societe Generale in Paris. “It’s a long list, and it fosters a climate of very volatile oil markets.”

Armed rebels with a group called the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta have threatened more violence in a campaign to free two imprisoned leaders, according to the Reuters news agency.

The rebels aimed to cut Nigeria’s oil production by 30 percent and warned all foreign workers to leave the delta immediately, Bloomberg News said.

Nigeria is the fifth-largest oil exporter to the United States, after Mexico, Venezuela, Canada and Saudi Arabia. Nearly half of Nigeria’s oil exports go to the United States.

According to Shell, the Forcados loading platform, which is about 12 miles offshore, was set on fire while a pipeline was blown up on Saturday.

The nine foreign contractors who were kidnapped Saturday — three Americans, two Egyptians, two Thais, one Briton and one Filipino national, working for Willbros Group of Houston — were working on a pipe-laying barge.

On Monday, another pipeline was damaged in a new explosion, said Caroline Wittgen, a spokeswoman for Shell in London. Shell has maintained a declaration of “force majeure” for the Forcados terminal, meaning it can no longer honor delivery of its supplies. Last month, the company had already been forced to cut its output sharply because of previous attacks. Analysts said the weekend events showed the armed groups were willing to step up pressure on the government by aiming at offshore oil facilities, which had largely been spared so far.

Talks in Russia on Enriching Nuclear Fuel for Iran Seem to Be at Standstill

By Steven Lee Myers
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MOSCOW

A Russian effort to forge a compromise over Iran’s nuclear program stalled Monday after five hours of talks in the Kremlin ended inconclusively. Negotiators for both countries agreed to hold new talks but did not announce when or where.

The discussions, already delayed several days, focused on the details of Russia’s offer to set up a joint venture to enrich uranium in Russia for Iran’s nuclear fuel.

But senior officials on both sides played down the prospects of agreement before a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency on March 6 about whether Iran’s nuclear program should be forwarded to the U.N. Security Council for possible punitive action.

In Brussels, Belgium, Iran’s foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, suggested that even if an agreement with Russia were achieved, it would not resolve the confrontation over Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

During meetings with officials of the European Union, Mottaki said that regardless of Russia’s proposal, Iran would continue its nuclear research, which the United States and other countries suspect is intended to develop nuclear weapons.

Javier Solana, the European Union’s senior diplomat for foreign policy, who met on Monday with Mottaki, said, “The ideas on the nuclear research in Tehran did not contribute to construct confidence and probably go in the opposite direction.”

After Monday’s talks in Moscow, Russia’s foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, called on Iran to restore a moratorium on uranium enrichment. He added that the talks would continue but that it was “premature to speak of their results.”

Moscow is determined on one hand to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, but eager on the other to avoid an American-led effort to impose sanctions or to use force against a country with which Russia has close diplomatic and economic ties.

In televised remarks before Monday’s talks, Lavrov told President Vladimir V. Putin and other members of his Cabinet that Russia remained committed to finding a peaceful solution, but acknowledged that the issue was mired in “the current blind alley.”

Iran’s responses to the Russian proposal — which has been endorsed by the United States and Europe — have been contradictory. The top Iranian nuclear negotiator, Ali Larijani, responded positively in a visit here last month, but others, including Mottaki in his remarks on Monday, described it as inadequate.

Russian officials have shown signs of impatience, by delaying, for example, the completion of a nuclear power plant in Bushehr, Iran, that was expected to be finished already. They have not openly criticized Iran, however. Lavrov urged Iran on Monday to take enough steps to satisfy the atomic energy agency before its general director, Mohamed ElBaradei, reports to the agency’s governing board in two weeks.

AMA to Develop Measure Of Medical Care Quality

By Robert Pear
WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON

The American Medical Association has signed a pact with Congress promising to develop more than 100 standard measures of performance, which doctors will report to the federal government in an effort to upgrade the quality of care.

The deal comes as the Bush administration pushes “pay for performance” arrangements with various health care providers in an effort to publicize their performance and link Medicare payment to quality. And it mirrors efforts in the private sector, where consumer groups, insurance companies and large employers who pay for health care are demanding more information on the quality of care.

The performance measures are supposed to focus on diagnostic tests and treatments that are known to produce better outcomes for patients — longer lives, improved quality of life and fewer complications. Federal officials say tracking how well and efficiently doctors or hospitals treat heart attacks and illnesses like diabetes or pneumonia could provide consumers with useful information.

The idea has strong support in Congress and from AARP, the lobby for older Americans, but some medical specialists said they were surprised by the deal. Many doctors said they feared the information could be used by the government to justify cutting the Medicare fees they receive.

Radioshack Chief Resigns After Lying

By Floyd Norris
THE NEW YORK TIMES

David J. Edmondson resigned as the chief executive of RadioShack on Monday, only days after he told investors that he intended to stay on despite the revelation that he had lied to the company about his education by claiming two college degrees when he had none.

Leonard H. Roberts, the executive chairman of the company, who had chosen Edmondson to be his successor as chief executive, announced the departure, which he said was a mutual decision between the board and Edmondson.

“When our company’s credibility becomes based on a single individual, it is time for a change,” he told a news conference. “One of the most important things we have as a corporation is integrity and trust. We have to restore that back to the company.”

He said the board made the final decision Monday morning, though it came only after negotiations were completed that resulted in a severance payment for Edmondson of less than \$1 million in cash.

He said the payment was less than provided in Edmondson’s contract, but conceded that any payment would be questioned by some. “The average employee just doesn’t understand,” he said. “The company needs protection in terms of noncompete, and his ability to solicit our employees.”

Israel Suspends Sending Receipts To Palestinians

By Steven Erlanger
JERUSALEM

Israel’s Cabinet decided Sunday to immediately freeze the transfer of about \$50 million a month in tax and customs receipts due to the Palestinian Authority, arguing that the swearing in of a Hamas-dominated legislature on Saturday meant that the Palestinians were now led by the militant group.

“It is clear that in the light of the Hamas majority in the parliament and the instructions to form a new government that were given to the head of Hamas, the Palestinian Authority is in practice becoming a terrorist authority,” Ehud Olmert, the acting prime minister, told his Cabinet. “The state of Israel will not agree to this.”

Although the Cabinet decided to hold back on other penalties it had been considering, its move to withhold the receipts immediately put it at odds with its main ally, the United States, and the other members of the so-called quartet — the European Union, Russia and the United Nations — that has been promoting peace efforts between Israel and the Palestinians.

The quartet has said that its funding for the Palestinian Authority will continue until a new Hamas-led government is in place, a process that could take five weeks or longer. Even as Israel acted to cut off money to the Palestinians, the quartet’s representative, James D. Wolfensohn, was in the Middle East talking with Arab countries in the Persian Gulf region to try to raise money for the Palestinian Authority until Hamas fully takes over the government.

The U.S. State Department said Sunday that it had no comment on the Israeli decision.

U.S. Reclassifies Many Documents In Secret Review

By Scott Shane
WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON

In a 7-year-old secret program at the National Archives, intelligence agencies have removed from public access thousands of historical documents that had been available for years, including some already published by the State Department and others photocopied years ago by private historians.

The restoration of classified status to more than 55,000 previously declassified pages began in 1999, when the Central Intelligence Agency and five other agencies objected to what they saw as a hasty release of sensitive information after a 1995 declassification order signed by President Bill Clinton. It accelerated after the Bush administration took office and especially after the 2001 terrorist attacks, according to archives records.

But because the reclassification program is itself shrouded in secrecy — governed by a still-classified memorandum that prohibits the National Archives even from saying which agencies are involved — it continued virtually without outside notice until December. That was when an intelligence historian, Matthew M. Aid, noticed that dozens of documents he had copied years ago had been withdrawn from the archives’ open shelves.

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Institute Wisdom Watch

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UA — Spring Weekend: Let them eat Cake! UA gets tastier for doing its job: throwing a giant party with giant appeal. That's almost the equivalent of what a small and efficient government is supposed to do.



The Weather: "It was 30, it was 60, it was 90, then it was 12, on the last day there was thunder, there was lightning, and there was snow ... *together!* ... That's fucked up. They don't even write about that weather ... in the Bible." — Lewis Black



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Chancellor Clay: For saying MIT may have to do "odd and uncomfortable," i.e. highly questionable, things about race.



Ringcomm: A classic, simple design, and very little complaint. But simple to the extreme — no symbol for lack of symbols.



Indian place in Lobdell: Have you tried the new Indian place? You should. Lobdell no longer "Lob-hell."



Boston Police: Having solved all gun crimes in the city, the BPD are now shocked to discover that undergraduates get drunk.



MIT Theater Community: Props for putting together a large number of really good productions in the last few weeks — Urinetown (MTG), The Old Law (Dramashop), Vagina Monologues.



Goosebeary's fire: Truly sad. We miss our General Gau's Chicken.



Dunkin' Donuts comes to Student Center: Freshmen 15 becomes Freshmen 25, and we love it.



Hacking Community: No good hacks, has literally fallen on its face.



A continued thumbs up for: **Anna's Taqueria**, which we have on good opinion is better and cheaper than the burrito place at Arizona State.



And a continued thumbs down for: **Saferide** ("we'll be there in five minutes"), **MIT Cable** (for not having anything) and **La Verde's** (for charging too much for everything).

Letters To The Editor

Conflation in 'the West'

In Basier Aziz's Feb. 14 opinion piece, "When Violence Begets Violence and Tolerance is Forgotten," the author willfully ignores important facts and confuses language and intent. First, the author conflates the 12 cartoonists publishing in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten with "the West." This is similar to the requests that a few Arab countries have made of the Danish government, to sanction the newspaper, as though the government had any such power. In "the West," as Mr. Aziz clearly knows, free speech and open press laws prevent such censorship.

Second, I am intrigued by his comment about protestors and the "presumed Zionist underpinnings of the oppression inflicted upon

Muslim lands." Where exactly are "Zionists" persecuting Muslims in Saudi Arabia or Iraq? I would guess that Mr. Aziz is referring to Israel, though I question how that could unilaterally be called "Muslim land." Or perhaps Mr. Aziz means the war in Iraq. Does he assert that the war is under the auspices of some large Zionist conspiracy? Or does he simply write from the perspective of the average protestor? I wish that Mr. Aziz could clarify that point.

I thought the stories Mr. Aziz wrote about the tolerance of the Prophet Mohammed were beautiful, and would love to learn more. Such tolerance should be a lesson to all of us. However, members of a free and lawful society cannot tolerate the burning of embassies, or threats of violence, such as the protestors in London who carried placards saying "7/7 is on its way,"

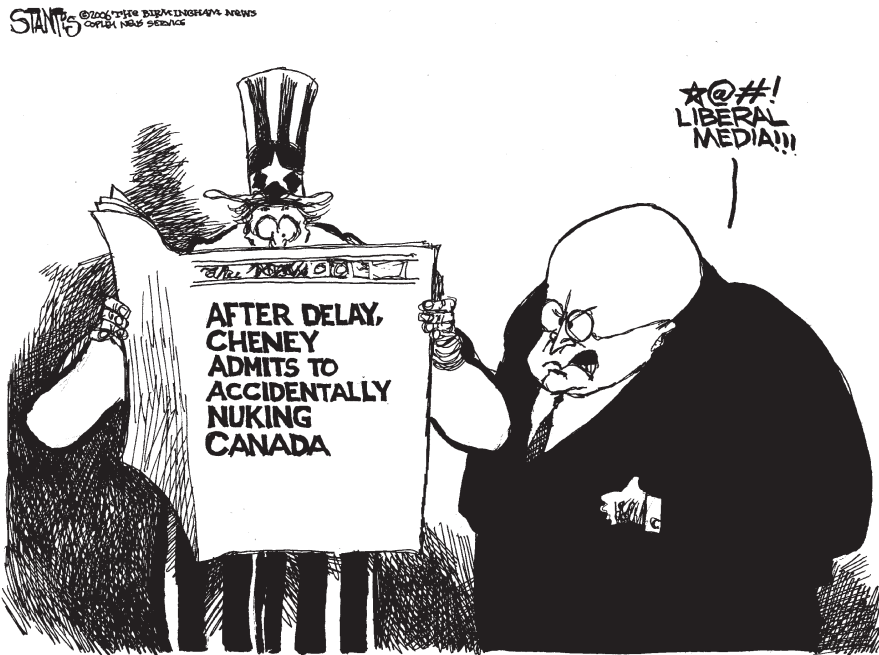
and threatening a Holocaust against the United Kingdom.

Mr. Aziz speaks woefully of the War on Terror, and an American failure to capitalize on possibilities of rapprochement. It is clear, I think, to most Americans and MIT students, that America did not begin this War on Terrorism. Mr. Aziz's only concession to another perspective is that "the Muslim world could be criticized as well for its shortcomings." Clearly, then, it is not simply "premature judgments" that have led some Americans to hold misguided views about Islam. Mr. Aziz, the violence demonstrated over the Danish cartoons will not help change these views about Islam, which, I agree with you, are unfortunate and impede the possibilities for understanding.

Samuel L. Raymond '06

Corrections

A Feb. 17 article about enrollment in the new biological engineering major incorrectly gave the number of students who took the subject BE.110 (Thermodynamics of Biomolecular Systems), which is required to apply for the BE major. About 100 students took the class, of whom 75 were sophomores, and 40–45 of those expressed interest in the major at the start of the term. There were not 75 students in the class as reported in the article. The same article also incompletely described MIT's BE curriculum. While MIT's faculty did look at the undergraduate curricula offered by other schools, the Institute's curriculum was created from scratch and differs significantly from programs offered at other universities.



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Knocking the Keg Ban Down a Peg

Aditya Kohli

Fraternity XYZ is throwing an open party this weekend (which means B.Y.O.B. and a well organized, by-invitation-only guest list, right?). The social chairs have a tight budget and are looking for ways to cut corners. Alcohol represents the bulk of the party's cost; and thus, alcohol expenses are the best way to cut back. There are two ways to save money: the first is to lay off the alcohol — a highly improbable solution. The second is to buy it in bulk; however, what seems practical to college students seems dead to Boston lawmakers.

Last fall, Boston passed a law requiring all kegs sold at liquor stores in the city to be registered with the Boston Police. The police hoped to keep track of large college parties in the city and thereby regulate underage drinking. But they overlooked some major holes in the law. First, while kegs must be registered in Boston, they do not need to be registered in neighboring

cities, such as Cambridge. Second, while kegs are the cheapest source of alcohol, beer balls, which contain about 30 beers, are a feasible alternative. While the ban has good intentions, its loopholes have been exploited to the point of making it useless.

Having dealt with so many thirsty college students, how naïve does Boston have to be to think that this ban would limit underage drinking? Kegs are used at parties, and parties are not going to stop. Instead, the use of kegs will stop. Kegs are used because they are a cheap way to get a lot of alcohol. Boston kegs will no longer be used because the "danger" associated with registering the party with the police will outweigh the dollars saved with a keg. Beer balls and Cambridge kegs are an easy solution to the half-hearted

ban. If the city really wants to curb underage drinking, it should focus its efforts elsewhere.

Kegs are used at big parties; big parties generally occur on three nights of the week, and most campuses have only a few of these parties happening on a given night. Thus, they are not hard to track. As evidenced by the keg ban, Boston feels that the solution to the drinking problem is curbing these large parties. They are wrong; truly abusive drinking is far more abundant at smaller parties with hard liquor; I will discuss that problem in a future article.

For our purposes here, let's assume that the true threat of underage drinking is manifested in these larger parties. Large parties have bartenders, whose function is not to check ID's but

rather to regulate the flow of alcohol. A keg is never sitting in the middle of a room, as that would not be economically sound for the hosts of the party; its contents are being regulated by the bartender. From this perspective, the keg regulations do nothing to inhibit underage drinking.

In the last two months, there have been several "busts" of college parties by the Boston Police. The two most publicized incidents, one at MIT and one at BU, had nothing to do with kegs bought in Boston, as the police obviously obtained information from other sources, namely Facebook. As the keg legislation provides the police with nothing, they should concentrate their efforts elsewhere. Cracking down on fake ID's, working with MIT Police, and launching more undercover operations are better places to concentrate.

The keg ban is an insincere and frivolous piece of legislation that is superficial at best. It has accomplished nothing. I know Mayor Menino can do better.

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A Better Way to Tax

Justin Wong

If you've ever worked for pay, like for a UROP or an internship, you are familiar with the statements that arrive in regular intervals, detailing the numerous taxes withheld from your pay. The government knows that we can't miss what we never had, and so the withholding mechanism helps us forget the magnitude of our tax burden (and its direction — towards Washington).

Those who get a refund might think the current system is an awesome deal, but the refund conceals how much is still kept by the government. For example, the government always keeps the Social Security and Medicare taxes. Don't get me wrong, we must fulfill our duty to

fund the federal government, but surely there must be a less insidious and more transparent way to do so. Is there a way to do it that also lets us keep 100 percent of our paychecks?

Yes. We can get rid of all current federal taxes: personal and corporate income taxes, the capital gains tax, the death tax, the alternative minimum tax, the Social Security tax, the Medicare tax, etc. We then replace them with a single national retail sales tax. The price of goods will actually drop dramatically once the cost of taxes added in each stage of production disappears.

Consider a loaf of bread. The wheat farm has to pay the payroll tax for its workers and income tax on its profits when it sells the wheat to a mill. The factory that bakes the bread must pay payroll and income tax. The distributor that ships the bread, the grocery stores that sell you the bread, and the farm equipment manufacturer, electricity provider, etc. All these taxes are passed on to you and embedded in the final retail price, and you pay this price with income that has already been taxed. Removing all those taxes would lower the price of goods by 20 to 30 percent, accord-

If you're even slightly frugal, the sales tax would save you on taxes and would also be more transparent.

ing to the Americans for Fair Taxation (AFT). Even if you slap a national sales tax on it, at worst you'd be paying the same as before, but the net benefit is keeping all of your paycheck.

The new plan is revenue neutral; it will fund the federal government at current revenue levels, including Social Security and Medicare. To do so, the sales tax rate would be about 23 percent, according to the AFT. If you earn between \$29,000 and \$70,000 a year, your total tax rate in the present system is about 31 percent (25 percent income tax and 6 percent Social Security tax). Even if you spend all your income and maintain a zero bank account balance, you wouldn't be worse off. If you're even slightly frugal, the sales tax would save you on taxes and would also be more transparent.

What about the lowest wage earners? The AFT plan for implementing the sales tax would actually translate to a huge tax cut for them. Right now, they still have to pay the Social Security and Medicare tax. Under the new plan, they wouldn't have to pay any of those taxes, and their sales tax gets refunded through a prebate. The government would send every American, regardless of income, a monthly prebate equal to the sales tax on an average person's typical consumption of life's necessities.

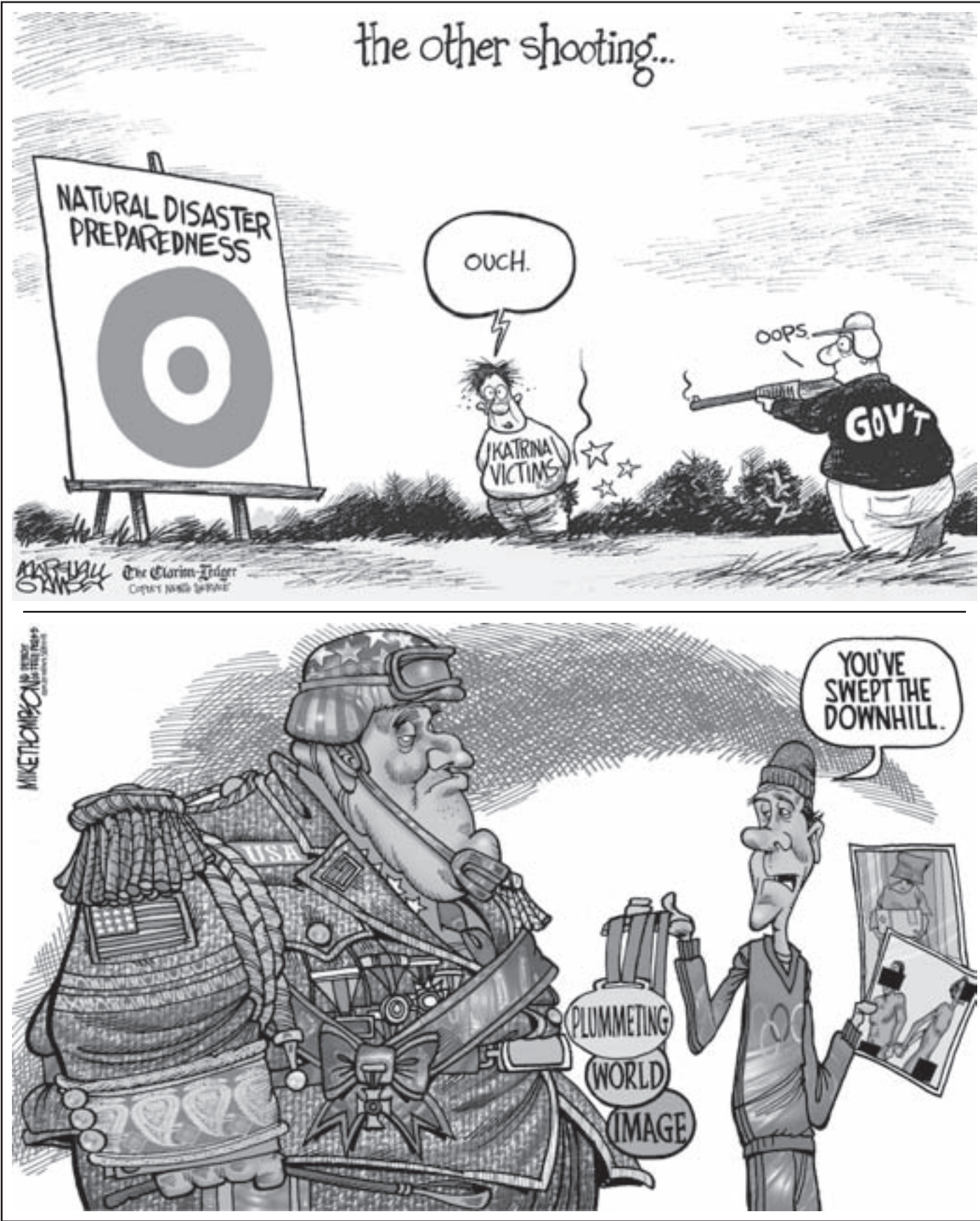
Some worry that the rich-poor gap would increase under the new plan, because the rich spend a smaller percentage of their income on goods. It is the current income tax, however, that actually causes the rich-poor gap. It penalizes people when they earn more, lowering the incentive for upward mobility. To bring people up, it makes so much more sense to reward earning and to discourage unnecessary spending. The new plan does both.

In fact, by levying the same tax rate on everyone, the new plan unites the interests of the rich and poor. A decrease in the tax rate benefits everyone. The new plan gets rid of the income tax code, whose complexity and size has made it easy for politicians to hide the favored tax treatment given to wealthy special interests. The transparency of the new system will make it difficult for politicians to dole out favors to the greedy at the expense of the needy.

If the new plan is such a tax boon for everyone, how is it really revenue-neutral? It isn't the sales tax rate that matters so much as the dollar amount it multiplies. Rich people buy more expensive things. The new plan would tax spending in an economy whose growth rate would quadruple without the shackles of an income tax, according to AFT experts. The sales tax also broadens the tax base, reaching parts of the economy the current income tax can't reach. Drug dealers don't pay income tax on their profits right now, but the sales tax makes them pay their share when they buy their bling. Tourists who don't currently pay income tax in the U.S. would also be taxed under the new plan when they buy souvenirs, stay in our hotels, etc.

No income tax, no tax return, and thus no more IRS. The national sales tax would be administered through the states, which are already tooled to collect a sales tax. Re-programming cash registers is easy; it's done all the time. The federal government would reimburse the states for administrative costs.

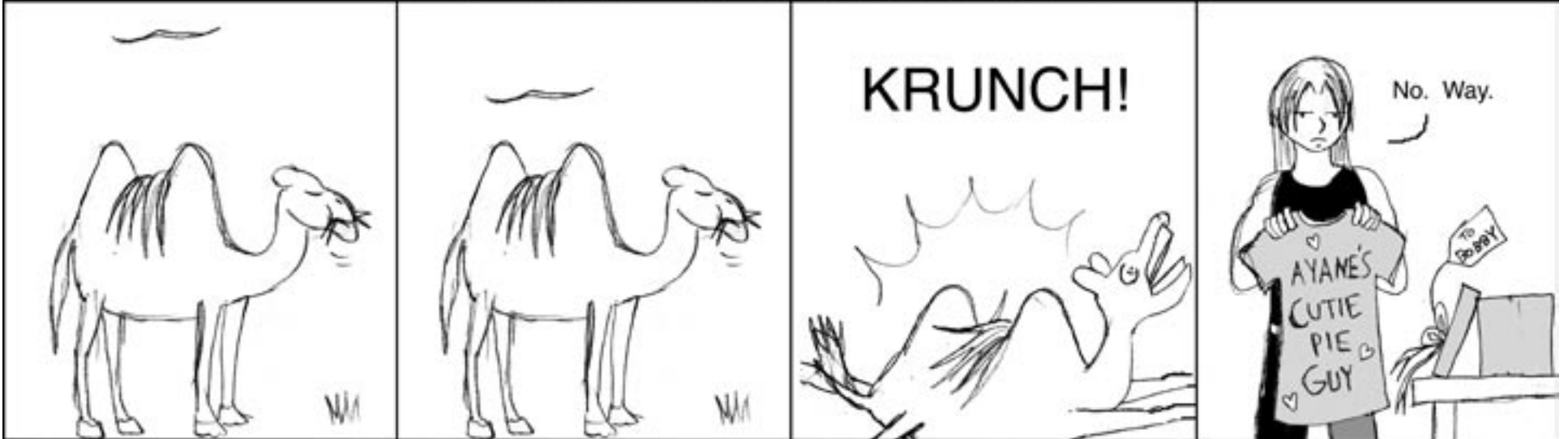
This bold proposal is already a bill in both houses of Congress. It's called the FairTax, and Rep. John Linder, who is the primary sponsor of the bill in the House (H.R. 25), wrote the FairTax book with Neal Boortz. This column doesn't do justice to the book, which makes a far more comprehensive case, even explaining how eliminating the income tax attracts jobs and investments back to America, and makes American products competitive overseas. You can also find out more at <http://www.fairtax.org>. Say goodbye to the IRS.



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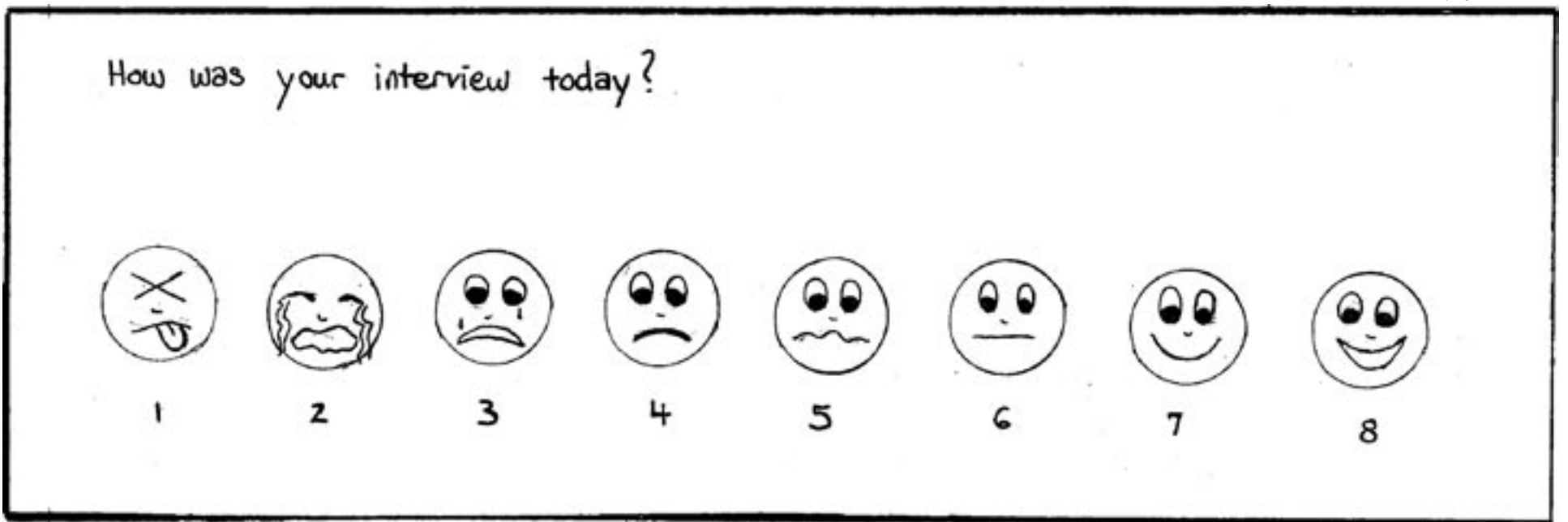
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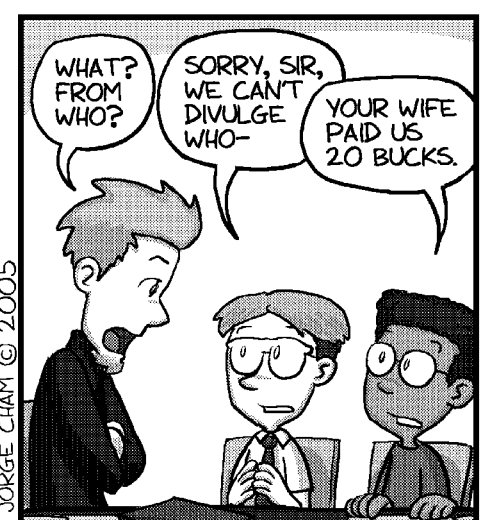
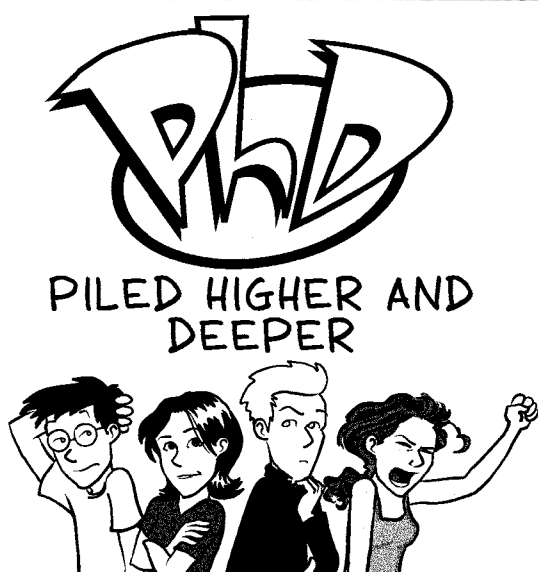
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Anzolini Challenges Musicians With Modern, Abstract Pieces

Anzolini, from Page 1

or keep contact with him through e-mail, he said. “People here are smart, nice, and greatly dedicated,” he said.
MITSO member Joel A. Cohen ’07 said Anzolini was “very encouraging and inspiring,” and “has been an excellent leader with an amazing

drive to make excellent music.” A member of MITSO since his freshman year, Cohen said that his musical understanding grew each semester as he has explored new abstract pieces in new ways with Anzolini.
Anzolini has conducted many concerts in Europe, North America, and South America. In March 2005, he was one of the eight conductors

selected by the American Symphony Orchestra League for the prestigious National Conductors Preview in Jacksonville, Florida, according to the MITSO Web site.
Anzolini will be conducting two more concerts at MIT with MITSO on March 17 and May 17. Free tickets can be obtained within about a week of the concerts in Lobby 10.

Most ILG’s Under House Capacity

Rush, from Page 1

ceived three pledges, all of which were freshmen. These pledges were the first freshmen to join WILG this year. Lisa M. Morin ’09, rush co-chair for Epsilon Theta, did not comment on how many pledges they received.
Morin said that “This was definitely the best IAP rush we’ve had in years.” Epsilon Theta so far has 20 residents out of a total capacity of 36. “It’s been a wonderful year.” “We’ve had time to adjust to freshman on campus,” she said, referring to an MIT policy that requires all students to live on campus during their freshman year.
Takusagawa, who was less optimistic, said Fenway House is operating at approximately half-capacity and hasn’t seen any changes in that statistic for the last two years. “Our house is not especially doing that well,” said Takusagawa. He said IAP rush was disappointing, because Fenway was “putting in a lot publicity but getting a low return,” as only ten students visited the house during IAP rush. Last year, only one person showed up at the scheduled rush events.
Takusagawa claimed that the problem was two-fold: students are “too hosed” and it is all too easy under the MIT housing system for students to ignore alternative housing options, since they are not forced to move.
Student House gained two new members this year, compared to ten

last year. The house has a current total of 21 occupants out of a capacity of 28 to 30. Though “the budget for Student House looks okay,” the house needs to have 23 to 25 occupants, Olejarczyk said.
“We’ve had 32 people living in the house this year, which is full capacity,” Avener said about pika. “At this point we’re fairly confident that we are financially sustainable.”
Chidozie said that she was happy with the numbers for WILG’s fall rush.
Rush chairs employ varied strategies
To attract more students, Fenway House has looked into other ways to recruit. Takusagawa said that one of Fenway’s most successful ways of recruiting has been on <http://www.craigslist.com/>, an online classifieds Web site, where students go to look for cheaper housing. Takusagawa said that some of Fenway’s residents were students who had gone abroad or taken a year off and no longer wanted to live in a dormitory.
Because of its close proximity to artistic centers in Boston, such as Berklee College and the Museum of Fine Arts, Takusagawa said Fenway House presents “lots of opportunities for students in arts,” and that it would use this angle for future promotion. They have already begun to hold weekly arts group meetings, he said.
In the past, Epsilon Theta’s prospective members had two years to

accept their bids. This year, bids expired after one week. Morin said the house as a whole put in more effort in planning rush this year. They chose as the background for all their postings and advertisements across campus a vivid, signature cheddar cheese yellow to create high visibility (patterned after the fact that they live in a yellow mansion and “have a certain fondness for ducks,” as their web site states). She said that a big focus for Epsilon Theta has been to emphasize the notion of the living group as a home. “When people pledge, we say, ‘Welcome home.’”
In contrast to Epsilon Theta, pika has gradually become less focused on a fixed rush and a quick acceptance of bids. Avener said it was easier for pika to rush this year because the house was full and members had had time to adapt to the freshmen on campus policy. Before freshmen on campus, prospective pikans pledged immediately after rush, and then moved in. Since the policy took effect, many freshmen interested in moving into pika their sophomore year have not pledged immediately after rush. Avener said that members of pika had to learn to get less discouraged if a freshman who displayed interest in joining the house did not pledge right away.
In an effort to attract more students to Student House, Olejarczyk said, “We’re trying to hold more events this year ... We have a weekly game night event ... We want to hold more events on campus and at Student House this year.”



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Sadoway Researches Ways To Produce Clean Energy

By Carolyn Y. Johnson
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Years before climate change, greenhouse gases, or oil addictions broke into the popular consciousness, Donald R. Sadoway had a gut feeling: He did not want to spend his life studying oil.

“I wanted to find a place where I could express my love of chemistry, but I didn’t want to be involved with this black goo,” the 55-year-old materials science professor recently recalled. So he went into metallurgy instead.

Now, as a growing body of scientific evidence indicates that carbon dioxide and fossil fuels are driving global warming, what started as an instinct has become a full-blown crusade against carbon and oil.

Sadoway, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, works to make metal smelters en-

vironmentally benign. He invents materials and batteries that will help the world transition from a fossil-fuel-powered world to an “electro-chemical” world where energy will be produced and stored cleanly. He tries to incorporate ethics into engineering.

“People are beginning to realize that climate change is the number one problem facing humanity, and I want to be in the cadre of engineers” and scientists who come up with solutions, he said.

Activism isn’t new to Sadoway, who grew up in Oshawa, Canada, the grandson of Ukrainian immigrants. In college, he staged demonstrations and practiced civil disobedience to fight for human rights in the former Soviet Union. He led protests and fought for a multicultural Canadian identity — beyond just British and French. His worldview was shaped

by professors who fled the United States because of McCarthyism.

“The stereotype of engineers in the 1960s is these guys with brush cuts, pocket protectors, skinny ties, and slide rules who were very apolitical, and if they had any politics they were conservative. ... They like order. They like discipline,” Sadoway said. His professors showed him that engineers could be social activists, too.

Sadoway is the first to admit that his present day crusades seem mundane at best to the average listener.

He’s seen people glaze over and look for escape routes when he starts to talk about his work. Cleaner metal smelters? The next frontier ... of batteries?

His latest attempt to help people through science lies on a table in his office: a thin blue square that produces about as much energy as

a quadruple-A battery, but has the look and feel of a potato chip bag folded in half. The sLimcell as Sadoway calls the flimsy battery, is basically made of thin foils - a radical departure from traditional batteries, which are typically heavy and filled with liquids.

One day, powerful but lightweight batteries like the sLimcell prototype will set people free of power outlets and the gas pump, powering everything from laptops to electric cars, Sadoway said.

That, in turn, will allow environmentalism to move forward. Electric cars will no longer be limited by heavy batteries with brief lives, and a “green” choice won’t mean a sacrifice.

Current batteries keep people on a short leash, Sadoway said. “We are tethered in the wireless age.”

When he is not working in the

lab, Sadoway spends much of his time teaching chemistry — and more — to half of MIT’s freshman class.

He connects basic science concepts to culture, music, and politics. His lesson on the structure of the atom, for instance, comes with a discussion of the role scientists played in the nuclear bomb; when the class discusses DNA, he brings up “the abuses visited upon Rosalind Franklin” by her co-discoverers of DNA, Watson and Crick.

Sadoway hopes to give his students a sense that chemistry affects culture, politics and society, as well as science.

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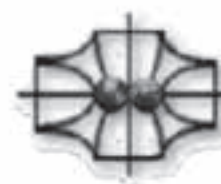
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Experts Explain Causes Of Warm January

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treme conditions, because they tend to enhance mixing of cold polar with warm tropical air, Illari said. Blocks can persist for a few days to several weeks, she said.

Illari believes that the moderate weather in January can be attributed to the lack of blocks over the northern Pacific. She says this zonal flow allowed the jet stream to remain farther north, insulating us at MIT from the cold arctic air, while allowing warmer tropical air to push up across the country.

At the same time, a persistent block over the northern Atlantic caused severe disruptions in the jet stream in the eastern hemisphere. Illari said this block allowed cold air to rush southward and caused record-low temperatures over Russia, central Europe, and her home country of Italy.

Moskaitis said January is typically the “top month for blocking events” in the north Atlantic and Pacific, so “we were fortunate this January.”

Lack of blocking by North–South airflow contributed to warm January weather.

The conditions that cause blocks remain an “active area of research,” said Illari. She said that sea surface temperatures affect long-term jet stream behavior.

According to the NOAA Climate Prediction Center Web site, the Pacific Oceans is experiencing La Niña conditions, a pattern of cooler-than-normal sea surface temperatures near the equator. La Niña conditions, to which Illari says Pacific zonal flows are closely tied, are expected to continue for up to 6 months.

Illari cautions that there are many interacting variables that complicate forecast models, including predictions of the formation of blocks.

According to the Climate Prediction Center Web site, the difficulty in providing general forecasts beyond a few days is a result of the “inability of numerical weather prediction models to simulate the onset and evolution of blocking flows.”

Moskaitis said that while blocks are created randomly, they become more persistent as passing storms reinforce them. “Once you stop feeding it storm systems, it breaks down.”

The jet stream will give way to a “more typical winter pattern” with more variable temperatures and conditions, according to the Web site. A persisting major block developed over the north Pacific between February 6th and 13th, and this was a factor in last week’s winter blizzard, Illari said.

Moskaitis is a Staff Meteorologist for The Tech.

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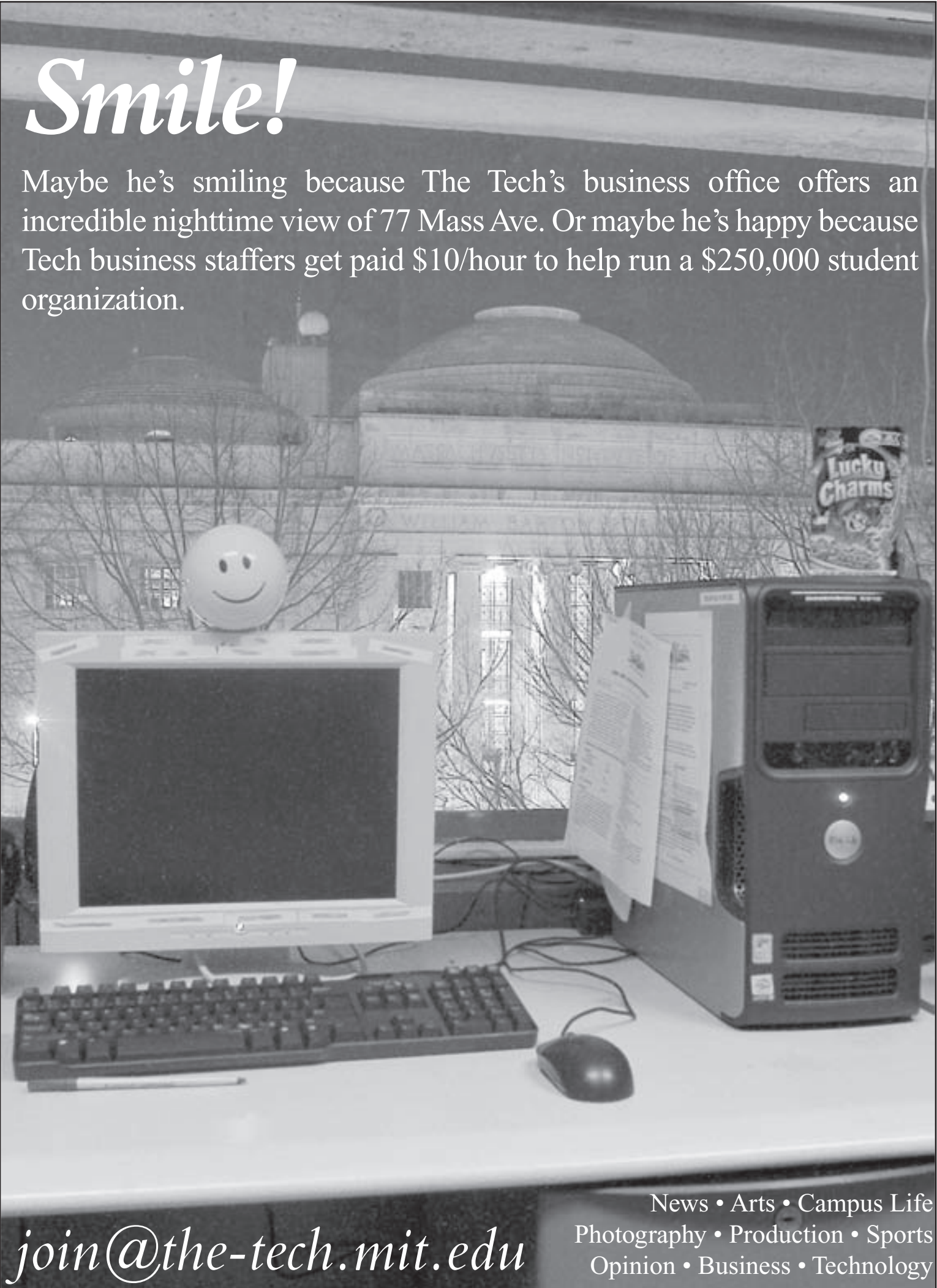
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restore full power to the apartments. Residents were allowed to remain inside their apartments during the transition. It is unclear whether Westgate has since gone off the larger generator to its normal power source.

On Sunday, residents bought food and supplies without assistance from MIT Housing in order to subsist throughout the day. “I was surprised there was no immediate response from the housing office,” said Bettin. She said that Karen A. Nilsson, associate dean and director of housing, and a representative from the Environment, Health, and Safety Office arrived at around 6 p.m. to update residents.

Flyers posted around the building yesterday instructed residents not to use stoves and microwaves. The Westgate government coordinated free meals at Next House and Tang, provided by MIT dining.

Bettin said that smoke traveled up into the floors above and “got trapped in the carpets,” but was contained to apartment hallways. Cleaning crews worked on Monday to eliminate the smoke residue on floors and walls, he said. By Monday afternoon, though, the smell of smoke was still strong throughout the building.

It is not clear if the smoke will pose health problems for the residents, which include young children. The Westgate child care facility on the first floor of the building was not damaged.

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Even Summers Allies Unsure of His Future Capability to Govern

By Marcella Bombardieri
THE BOSTON GLOBE

As Harvard University president Lawrence H. Summers faces a no-confidence vote and the university's governing board considers whether to remove him from office, some of his biggest supporters on the faculty are questioning his ability to lead the divided university.

"I'm a little sad and a little nervous," said Larry Katz, an economics professor and a friend of Summers. "Here is someone I think is a brilliant scholar, and a person of great skill and integrity, but he seems to have failed to connect with so many other bright scholars on campus."

Asked if Summers could still govern successfully, Katz said, "I think it's unclear. Everyone has to think about what's in the best interest of the university, not the specific interests of any one person."

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, home to almost half of the university's professors, has scheduled a no-confidence vote on Summers for Feb. 28. The vote is only symbolic, but some professors expect it to pass by an even wider margin than a similar measure last year. Many of Summers's opponents have been pushing the governing board, known as the Corporation, to remove Summers before the meeting.

Two professors and a senior official who have spoken with Corporation members say the board is considering doing so, although board members have been publicly silent. One board member reached at home Sunday declined to comment, and others did not return phone calls.

Kennedy School of Government professor David Gergen said he hoped Summers, arts and sciences professors, and the Corporation could work out "an amicable agreement on how to proceed." But Gergen didn't know exactly what that would be.

"My sense is that there are significant reservoirs of support for him, including in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences," said Gergen, a confidant of Summers. "But all of us can see the realities. These are difficult times."

Summers had done many good things for Harvard, from planning its dramatic expansion into Allston to hiring strong deans at the Kennedy School and Law School, Gergen said. But he stressed that he didn't know the full story behind the grievances of Summers's critics.

The governing board, known as the Corporation, "is going to have to consider its fiduciary responsibility, to consider what's in the best interests of Harvard," he said.

Some Summers supporters say they are frustrated by the president's attempts to appease critics. Summers was so chastened by faculty criticism last year that he is no longer offering the bold leadership he once did, said psychology professor Steven Pinker.

For example, Pinker said, Summers removed himself from a curriculum review committee on which they both served. Without Summers's vision, the results of the committees work were "thin gruel," he said.

"If he's just going to be accumulating enemies and not advancing curriculum reform or other initiatives, it makes it a little harder for his supporters to articulate why we are his supporters," Pinker said. "No one can deny there is a crisis. For people who think he's been treated badly he's got to give everyone a reason to put their trust back in him."

In some quarters outside the faculty, Summers's future is still viewed optimistically. He remains popular with undergraduates, and the Crimson, the student newspaper,

has recently editorialized in his favor. In one piece, the student newspaper wrote that the new accusations against Summers, such as complaints over the departure of a dean, appear "underwhelming."

"If the faculty does have other legitimate, timely concerns with Summers, it needs to enumerate them ... rather than continue to blast the president in the face with water that was long ago under the bridge," the Crimson wrote.

Jack Corrigan, an alumnus of Harvard College and the law school who is also a longtime friend of Summers, said the president's accomplishments have been lost amidst the attacks on him. Corrigan cited several projects designed to benefit the public, such as the new Harvard Stem Cell Institute, a project with Google to digitize Harvard's library, and a program that ensures that low-income parents do not pay for their children to attend the school.

"These are very significant and aggressive steps," he said. "The bottom line is that students still want to go to Harvard, and alumni still give money."

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Engineer Hockey Gets Shut Out For The First Time This Season

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teen seconds after the end of MIT's fifth power play, a Bulldog forward charged into the zone. Flying towards the net, he passed across Hopkins to Jim Ross, who was perfectly positioned to tap the puck into the net, putting the Bulldogs up 2-0.

The second and third periods came and went much like the first. The Bulldogs played more defensively, and the Engineers played more energetically, but it all came to nothing. Bryant managed to kill pen-

alty after penalty, clearing the puck and running out the clock on more than 10 MIT power plays. In the final minutes of the third period, the Bulldogs silenced the crowd and closed the door on an Engineer comeback as Bryant's Erik Brouillard slipped another shot past Hopkins.

Defenders Nicholas J. Maietta '07 and Jeremy D. Myers '08 played aggressively, and fought for every possession, but the MIT offense was lifeless and unimaginative. Despite outshooting the Bulldogs 45 to 33, MIT placed every shot straight

on; no fakes, no dekes, and no surprises. Freshmen Nick R. LaBounty and Ryan W. Ballentine, who have been miracle workers for the Engineers this season, were silenced by Bryant's defense. The Bulldogs out-hustled, outplayed, and outscored the Engineers.

This loss leaves MIT with a record of 9-3-5. Next for MIT are the NorthEast Collegiate Hockey Association Eastern Conference playoffs. The first round will be held tomorrow at the University of Connecticut.

Kwan Injury and Miller's Crashes Force NBC to Change Marketing

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the face of U.S. Figure Skating for the past decade, dropped out after she felt she couldn't compete because of injury. Considered by many as the greatest American skater never to have won an Olympic gold medal, American viewers will once again miss out on the opportunity to see Kwan atop the podium.

American skier Bode Miller came into these Olympics as the biggest name in alpine skiing, and he's failed to deliver. After finishing out of the medals in the Downhill, he put up a great run in the first leg of the Men's Combined, only to be disqualified for straddling a gate.

Miller then followed that up with a near crash on the Super G, barely managing to stay on his skis.

Short Track speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno, the beloved and controversial gold medalist from four years ago, didn't even qualify for the finals in his first event, the 1500m, although he did capture the bronze this weekend in the 1000m.

NBC and the media focused on these stars before the Games, and now have nothing to show for it but terrible ratings and an advertising campaign focused on presenting athletes that no one has heard of. The network should be celebrating the Games for the spirit of the events and the passion of the un-

known athletes, not for those who have been chosen by sponsors to be the face of the sport.

There have been great stories, just not the ones NBC advertised beforehand. Inline skater (Joey Cheek) switched sports and won multiple medals in speed skating, and a skier (Lindsey Kildow) crashed on a practice run and came back to be competitive.

These are the athletes that exhibit what make the Olympics great, and it's their stories that I'll take away from these Winter Games. That and my continuing appreciation for Curling as the greatest sport that has yet to cross the border from Canada.

MIT Height Deficit Contributes To Final Game Loss

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Smith's offense exploited a big size advantage over MIT's forwards and worked the ball inside as much as possible. Helena Charron in particular was able to use her size and good footwork to lead the Pioneer's in scoring with 16.

Kinnaman saw her first action in the second half. She hobbled up and down the floor on her ankle, and contributed a point, two rebounds, and solid defense during her final game at MIT.

Samantha F. O'Keefe '09 played heavy minutes at the forward position and played well at times and poorly at others. She led the team with a 66 percent shooting and grabbed six rebounds but committed nine turnovers that cost her team dearly.

The 2005-2006 season was an improvement for MIT, with seven wins and two in conference, compared with last season's four wins and none in conference. Had there not been so many injuries, the team would have been competitive for a post-season birth, given to all but the bottom two teams in the NEWMAC.

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SPORTS

Men's Hockey Loses To Bryant, Unbeaten Streak Ends at Nine

By Caitlin Murray
STAFF WRITER

Going into their last home game of the regular season, MIT had been defeated by just two teams in their conference, the Endicott College Gulls and the Bryant University Bulldogs, who beat the Engineers earlier this season.

After trouncing Endicott the week before, the Engineers were ready to take on Bryant and exorcise the ghost of their earlier loss. But in a heart-breaking defeat, the Engineers were shut out 3-0 by the stronger, faster Bulldogs, breaking MIT's nine game unbeaten streak.

Having scored more than three goals in 15 out of their last 16 games, the Engineers were blanked for the first time this season.

After a late start, the Engineers and the Bulldogs took the ice, accompanied by catcalls from an audience unusually large for a Wednesday night game. Bryant drew an early penalty, giving MIT its first opportunity on a two-minute power

play. But in a preview of the rest of their performance to come, the Engineers were unable to capitalize.

The Bulldogs gave them countless chances, drawing five penalties in the first period, including one that resulted in a five-on-three power play. But each one was wasted, as the Bulldogs' outstanding line killed penalty after penalty, and the Bulldogs' goaltender, CT McClean, stopped every shot.

Three minutes into the period, the Engineers appeared to have scored. The crowd lit up, and the players began to celebrate, but the officials ruled that the puck had been blown dead seconds before it entered the net. That was the closest MIT came to scoring all night.

Five minutes later, Bryant drove into the zone, and after a frenetic scuffle in front of the net, slipped one past MIT's Thomas A. Hopkins '07 in goal.

Bryant's second goal was one of those picture perfect plays you only see in hockey How To books. Fif-

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MARISSA LEE

During the warm-up session of the second day of the NEWMAC Women's Swimming and Diving Championship on Saturday Feb. 18, Kristin L. Uhmeyer '09 prepares for her dive off the 3-meter diving board.

Olympic Drama Comes From The Competition Not Hyped-Up Stories

By Shreyes Seshasai
STAFF COLUMNIST

Spare me the drama, just show me the sport. That's all I ask of NBC during these Winter Olympics.

As the Games are in the midst of the second week of competition, several things are clear. First, it's hard to be in NBC's position, as it has to show taped replays of events to suit the prime time viewers. In an age when we can get results online quicker than someone on the other side of Torino, people don't care about what happens in the events, they care about how it happened.

Since the fans have results ahead of time and often tune in to see a specific event, it would help if they told us beforehand exactly when they're showing each event. I shouldn't have to sit through three hours of coverage if all I want to see is American favorite Lindsey Jacobellis fall in Snowboard Cross. The network has complete control over when they show events, so why bother spacing them out and making us sit through Ice Dancing to see the end of Snowboarding?

The second thing that's clear is the coverage of the Olympics should be about the competition, so why does NBC feel as if it has to create drama and tension in order to have an interesting broadcast? I've gotten used to the two-minute montages on the background of the sentimental favorite who fought adversity to make it to the Games, but there's a

limit to how deep it should go.

When Jacobellis fell in the finals of Women's Snowboard Cross, after trying to pull an unnecessary trick instead of coasting to an easy victory, the analysts hounded her, calling her a "showboat" and replaying her fall repeatedly. Like everyone watching, I was shocked and disappointed that the U.S. missed out on the gold, but just leave the woman alone. It's just a race, and it just happened. This stuff occurs all the time in sports, and America still has five other medals in snowboarding.

It's the competition itself that should create the drama, not the television analysts trying to probe too deeply into story lines that aren't really there. While there may be a rift within the U.S. Speed Skating team due to Shani Davis' decision not to race in the Team Pursuit event, we don't have to hear about it every time speed skating is shown. If I really wanted fictional drama or mindless amusement, I can switch to "Grey's Anatomy" on ABC or "American Idol" on Fox, and from the ratings, it seems as if many Americans have done just that.

My advice to NBC: don't compete with American Idol's artificial drama. Give us the real thing, and we'll recognize it and stay tuned.

The dip in ratings could also be because of the lack of interest many Americans have in winter sports, especially with several of the big names disappointing.

Michelle Kwan, who has been

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With Four Injured, Women's Basketball Loses 34-41

By Travis Johnson
SPORTS EDITOR

Clara J. Yuan '09 was the last woman standing for MIT Women's Basketball on Saturday. Among the five players that started their first game in November, Yuan was the only one uninjured at the end of their season-ending 34-41 loss to Smith.

Without usual starting forwards Christa M. Margossian '07 and Sharon M. Prange '07, MIT (7-16, 2-11 NEWMAC) was still able to get off to a quick 9-2 start behind hot shooting from Yuan and turnovers by Smith (7-17, 2-11).

During that run, MIT lost their point guard and emotional leader Kimberly E. Soo Hoo '08 when she fell hard on her knee after making a layup. Without Soo Hoo, the Engineer offense struggled, totaling only 13 points in the first half. Smith, though not much better offensively, was able to take a 19-13 lead into the break.

Karen A. Kinnaman '06, who typically starts as the small forward for MIT, had a badly sprained ankle and was only available for limited action, meaning that after Soo Hoo was injured, Yuan was the only original starter on the floor.

Typically a shooting guard, Yuan was forced by the loss of Soo Hoo to play point guard and handle the ball as well as score. Working off the dribble, her shot is much less accurate, and Saturday wasn't a great shooting night for her even when set. The result for Yuan was 3-16 shooting from the floor.

But Yuan had success driving to the basket and earning foul shots. Shooting 7-8 from the line, she kept her team within striking distance throughout the second half, but MIT was never able to regain the lead.

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DAVID TEMPLETON—THE TECH

Thaddeus J. Wozniak '06 runs in the preliminary round of the men's 200 meter dash during the New England Indoor Division III Championship on Saturday, Feb. 18. Wozniak completed his heat with a time of 23.22 seconds.

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